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Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Joint Declaration signed by His Excellency Mr. Dobrica Cosić, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, His Excellency Mr. Franjo Tudjman, President of the Republic of Croatia, and the Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, Mr. Cyrus Vance and Lord David L. Owen, at Geneva on 30 September 1992.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 69.

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Annex

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Joint Declaration

Meeting under the auspices of the Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia in Geneva, the undersigned Presidents wish to announce the following:

1. The two Presidents reaffirmed the commitments of the International Conference in London on the inviolability of existing borders, other than through changes reached by peaceful agreement, and agreed to intensify work towards the normalization of relations between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Croatia on the basis of mutual recognition. All questions concerning succession to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will be resolved within the framework of the International Conference or, as appropriate, bilaterally.

2. Authorities of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in close collaboration with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) will undertake urgent, joint measures to ensure the peaceful return to their homes in the United Nations Protected Areas of all persons displaced therefrom who so wish. To that end they propose the prompt establishment of a quadripartite mechanism - consisting of authorities of the Government of Croatia, local Serb representatives, representatives of UNPROFOR and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - to assure that this process moves forward. Equally, Serb and Croat people formerly residing on the territory of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia should have the right to return in peace to their former homes. Agreement was reached with regard to more resolute action concerning the return of displaced persons to their homes, and to allowing for a voluntary and humane resettlement of those persons wishing to do so between the two States.

3. The two Presidents agree that the Yugoslav Army will leave Prevlaka by 20 October 1992 in accordance with the Vance Plan. Security in the area will be resolved by demilitarization and the deployment of United Nations monitors. The overall security of Boka Kotorska and Dubrovnik will be resolved through subsequent negotiations.

4. The two Presidents agree to establish a Joint Interstate Committee for the consideration of all open issues and for the normalization of relations between the sovereign Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In order that a durable peace may be established as soon as possible, particular attention will be given to normalizing traffic and economic links.

5. The two Presidents confirm their conviction that all problems between their two States must be settled peacefully. They pledge their best efforts to this end. In that connection, they will exert all their influence towards a just, peaceful solution of the current crisis enveloping Bosnia and Herzegovina.

6. The two Presidents declare their total condemnation of all practices related to "ethnic cleansing", and commit themselves to helping reverse that which has already happened. They also declare that all statements or commitments made under duress, particularly those relating to land and property, are wholly null and void. They urge all concerned parties to cooperate fully, promptly and unconditionally with current efforts, in particular by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and UNHCR, to free all detainees, close all detention centres, and assure safe passage of former detainees to secure and safe areas. They further urge all parties to facilitate the safe delivery of all humanitarian assistance.

7. The two Presidents welcome the early stationing of international observers on airfields in their respective countries as a confidence-building measure.

8. The two Presidents agree to meet again on 20 October with the Co-Chairmen. They express their gratitude to the Co-Chairmen for convening today's meeting.

(Signed) Dobrica COSIĆ
President
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

(Signed) Franjo TUDJMAN
President
Republic of Croatia

Witnessed by:

(Signed) Cyrus R. VANCE

(Signed) David L. OWEN

Geneva, 30 September 1992